

# BULLETIN FOR AUGUST 17-30, 2025

**\*SUN 8/17/2025**      **10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—POST-FEAST OF THE DORMITION**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

***Blessing of Students***

***Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for August 17-23, 2025:***

*HROMYAK, John Sr., Mary, John Jr., Irene & Linda, Helen, Michael,  
Andrew, Mary Jane Sernik, George, Helen, John Kolbrich*

*BLANAR, Steve, Anna, Peter*

**TUES 8/19/2025**      ***Saint of the Day: Martyr Andrew Stratelates***  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

**SAT 8/23/2025**      ***GOLF SCRAMBLE and GOLF DINNER***

**\*SUN 8/24/2025**      **11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

***Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for August 24-30, 2025:***

*RISTVEY Family: Michael, Anna, John, Stephanie, Steve, Ann, Stevie,  
Joseph, Nicholas, George, Mary, Susan, Ann, John, Susan & Kanishak  
Family: Andrew, Evelyn, Dorothy*

*HOUK, Braden, Cameron*

**THURS 8/28/2025**  
6:00 PM      Vespers for the Holyday

**FRI 8/29/2025**      **BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (STRICT FAST HOLYDAY)**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

**\*SUN 8/31/2025**      **12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

***Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for August 31-September 6, 2025:***

*DZURINDA, Anthony & Helen*

*BARTKO, Mary & Joseph; Stephen*

*CHUBA FAM. George Sr, Susan, Anna, John, Mary, Michael, Tom,  
George, Sue, Steve, Andrew, Anne, Nicholas, Ricky, Heather, Steven,  
Helen*

## UPCOMING HOLYDAY

***Friday, August 29th*** is the day set aside to honor the Beheading of our church's patron saint, Saint John the Baptist. Due to the solemn nature of this day, we are called to keep a **STRICT FAST** from all meat and dairy products. We will have two services to mark this holyday: Vespers on August 28th at 6:00 PM and Divine Liturgy on August 29th at 9:00 AM.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October Pirohi Sale: Friday, October 10

November Pirohi Sale: Friday, November 14

***Fall Youth Religious Education and Adult Religious Enrichment  
will begin this September—stay tuned for specific information!***

## Thoughts on Stewardship

*From Dan Hromyak*

*"Do you think I come to give you peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Luke 12:51*

Many of you like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

*"For behold, some are last and will be first and some are first who will be last." - Luke 13:30*

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

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## Sacramental and Membership Information

**Sick Calls** can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit to receive Confession and Communion. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

**Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

**Baptisms** are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays, but other days are possible as well. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

**Church Funerals** are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. **The Church does not permit cremation.**

**Parishioners in “good standing”** are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John's Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and financially support the parish (especially through an annual “pledge”).

**Prospective members and returning members** are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.

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Our Diocesan Website:	<a href="http://acrod.org">acrod.org</a>

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## *Happy Birthday!*

Melinda Kroko	August 17
Benedict Campbell	August 24
Lucia Johnson	August 26
Edward Chuba	August 28
Steve Saluga	August 29

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Tofani, Gino & Mary Ann	August 18
Riddle, Courteney & Scott	August 20

*God Grant You  
Many,  
Blessed  
Years!*

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**August 17, 2025**

### *Eternal Lamp*

*For All Students Beginning  
The 2025-2026 Academic Year*

*Our thanks to Sue VanZanten for  
donating Breakfast this morning!*

**August 24, 2025**

### *Eternal Lamp*

*For Our Diocesan Seminarians  
and for an Increase in Vocations*



### *Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel*

**August 17**  
Gino Tofani  
Donald Yasnowsky  
Kevin Yasnowsky  
Gary Yonchak  
Bob Amos

**August 24**  
Jason Baker  
Dave Beight  
Dennis Burprich  
Evan Campbell  
Lucas Campbell

**August 31**  
Jerry Chupak  
Ed Fabian  
Matt Fabian  
Chad Fette  
Jim Hynes